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1. On 9 and 10 March 1951, the Nachrichten Kaserne in Ebersdorf near Chemnitz (N 51/K 66) quartered a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. A

the installation was occupied by about 250 troops with 35 "large" tanks, and that the tanks had arrived one night at the end of February 1951. On 9 March,

that the main barracks gate was also guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and that sentries were patrolling between the garages in the billeting area.

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2. the Fuchsdelle settlement in Chemnitz-Cloesa, southwest of the Ebersdorf barracks installation was to be vacated by the Germans by 15 March 1951. An employee said that about 100 of the 360 German families living there would be resettled by 15 March and that the other 260 families would be evacuated as soon as possible, despite the serious housing shortage in the Chemnitz area. It was not known for what purpose the Soviets needed the settlement.\*

3. The Infanterie Kaserne in Chemnitz quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and included some with artillery insignia. A division headquarters and an AAA unit were allegedly stationed there. On 10 March, about 260 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying light weapons left the installation in the direction of Zeisigwald for a field exercise. It was learned that troops with red-bordered green epaulets from the Ulanen Kaserne in Chemnitz also participated in the exercise.

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All motor vehicles were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. \*\*

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\* [ ] Comment. This information confirms the arrival of a major unit with heavy tanks in the Nachrichten Kaserne. [ ] the arrival of this unit at the Chemnitz freight station on 25 February 1951. [ ] The new barracks installation north of the Nachrichten Kaserne and the evacuation of the Furth Settlement on 24 February 1951, was reported [ ]. The evacuation of 360 German families from the Fuchsdelle Settlement mentioned in the present report indicates that billeting space for not less than two regiments is available there. [ ]

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[ ] Even if the Furth Settlement and the Fuchsdelle Settlement were one and the same, the billeting capacity would not be overestimated. There are no indications of the origin of the troops which arrived, or of troops which might occupy the vacated area.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. The information on the Infanterie Kaserne confirms previous reports. [ ]

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